



## Speed Zone Study – Why are road speeds what they are?

### SURVEY RESULTS

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Recently the engineering division of Westfield Public Works had a survey completed by 9 members of the WeCan group to look into people's attitudes about driving and speed limits in Westfield. Below are the results of the survey. Thank you to the WeCan group for filling out the survey. Our plan is to post the survey on the City's website to get feedback from the residents of Westfield.

Below is a list of streets that the engineering division is looking at adjusting the speed (increasing or decreasing). Please check agree or disagree.

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Agree/Disagree</u>	
151 <sup>st</sup> St	Gray Rd	Cary Rd	30	Increase	8	1
156 <sup>th</sup> St	Oak Ridge	Towne Rd	50	Decrease	3	2
166 <sup>th</sup> St	Ditch Rd	LEC	45	Decrease	3	1
169 <sup>th</sup> St	Gray Rd	Cary Rd	30	Increase	6	1
191 <sup>st</sup> St	US 31	Tomlinson Rd	30	Increase	4	2
191 <sup>st</sup> St	Tomlinson Rd	Springmill Rd	45	Decrease	4	1
Ditch Rd	146 <sup>th</sup> St	SR 32	50	Decrease	6	0
Springmill Rd	146 <sup>th</sup> St	SR 32	45	Decrease	4	2

#### 1. What do you consider should be the City wide maximum speed for cars?

(Please check one box only)

- ☐ 50 mph - 6
- ☐ 45 mph - 0
- ☐ 40 mph - 2
- ☐ 35 mph - 0
- ☐ 30 mph - 1
- ☐ 25 mph - 0
- ☐ 20 mph - 0
- ☐ Other – please specify: \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_ mph

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**2. What do you consider should be the maximum speed for cars in urban or built-up areas? (Please check one box only)**

- ☐ 50 mph - 6
- ☐ 45 mph - 0
- ☐ 40 mph - 2
- ☐ 35 mph - 0
- ☐ 30 mph - 1
- ☐ 25 mph - 0
- ☐ 20 mph - 0
- ☐ Other – please specify: 0 mph

**3. What factors do you believe should be used in deciding on an appropriate speed for a road?**

- ☐ Road width - 2
- ☐ Objects next to the roadway i.e. trees, telephone poles, ponds etc. - 2
- ☐ 85% Speed (the speed at or below which 85% of traffic is moving) - 0
- ☐ Stopping Sight Distance (how far one can see and safely stop if an obstruction enters the path of travel) – 2
- ☐ All the above - 7

**4. Do you agree that the maximum speed for cars in subdivisions and distinct residential areas should be 20mph?**

- ☐ Yes - 5
- ☐ No - 4

**5. Which other areas do you consider should have their maximum speed for cars set to 20mph? (Please check any that apply)**

- ☐ No other areas - 6
- ☐ Outside schools at all times - 0
- ☐ Outside schools part-time - 1
- ☐ Other – please specify: Westfield proper

**6. When driving do you (remember this survey is anonymous)?**

- ☐ Drive the posted speed limit. - 2
- ☐ Go with the flow of traffic - 5
- ☐ 5-10mph over the posted speed limit - 4
- ☐ 10-15mph over the posted speed limit - 0
- ☐ 5-10mph below the posted speed limit - 0
- ☐ Other – please specify: Depends on conditions, generally 5 mph over

**7. Have you ever received a speeding ticket in Westfield?**

- ☐ Yes - 1
- ☐ No - 7

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**8. If you answered “Yes” to question 7, could you please list the road you were travelling on and how fast you were going?**

- 169th St from US 31 to Oak Ridge 45 in a 30

**9. Are there any other roads not listed that should have their posted speed limit reviewed?**

- Oak Rd 151st to 171st St
- Grassy Branch from SR 32 to corp limit
- Main St
- Union St

**10. Do you have any additional comments?**

- I hate speed bumps
- Do not change school zones back to 20 mph
- The City can cut private lawns if over 12". City council should be empowered to do the same at blind intersections.
- 20 mph is too slow anywhere except where school/church or similar facility or/and interior street in subdivision. But not on main roads that abut these same facilities.
- Speed bumps are dangerous
- Carey Rd from 146th to 161st traffic is going to fast in front of Habig Field
- Westfield used to be known as a community you didn't speed. Now it is astronomical.
- All streets should be consistent
- Flashing lights for school zones

Thank you again for your participation in this survey. We appreciate the input. We look forward to working with the WeCan group in the future

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